

The DAISSy Research Group of HOU participated at the annual Conference of the European Association of Distance Teaching Universities

"I-HE2023: Innovating Higher Education"

The "European Association of Distance Teaching Universities (EADTU)" is "the leading institutional university network for online, open and distance higher education" and in this context seeks innovation in the field of European Higher Education. EADTU organizes an annual conference, which focuses on topics related to new trends and factors affecting global and European Higher Education. More than 25 countries participate in the works of the Conference each year, while last year for the first time it took place in Greece, in co-organization with the Hellenic Open University (HOU), which is a full member of EADTU. For 2023, the Conference was held in Istanbul from 04 to 06 October with the central theme "**Accelerating towards a digital and inclusive campus: Empowering Learners: Microcredentials, Generative AI, and Equity**".



The **DAISSy Research Group** of HOU had an active presence as four scientific papers, the result of its high-level work and international collaborations were accepted and presented at the Conference. The three of them were presented by Ms. Eleni Georgakakou, Senior Project Manager and Researcher of the Group. The papers were based on the results of European research projects in which DAISSy participates under the Scientific Coordination of the HOU Professor Achilles Kameas, and concerned current and timeless issues related to Higher Education, such as the strengthening of equality, inclusiveness, career development, etc. The list of presentations:

I. "Accelerating towards an inclusive Management Education: Empowering learners on the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion principles", a collaboration of Ms. Eleni

Georgakakou and Prof. Achilles Kameas with Dr. Audrey Stenson and Prof. Josephine Browne from DUN LAOGHAIRE Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Ireland.

II. "Critical visual literacy in Higher Education: addressing bias and manipulation in the digital era", a collaboration of Ms Eleni Georgakakou and Prof. Achilles Kameas with Dr. Simona Pezzano and Prof. Andrea Miconi from the Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione (IUML) in Italy.

III. "Implementing teacher training model in HE to support adolescents' career planning: The NEFELE Erasmus+ project", a collaboration of Mr. Ioannis Kalemis and Prof. Achilles Kameas with Alessandra Antonaci (EADTU), Anna Parola (University of Naples), Rosa Banos (University of Valencia), Jenny Marcionetti (SUPSI), Luigia Simona Sica (University of Naples).

IV. "Supporting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education Institutions: Data informed policy recommendations on gender & LGBT+ educational inclusion", a collaboration of Ms. Eleni Georgakakou, Mr. Konstantinos Mantzos and Prof. Achilles Kameas with Prof. Anna Lisa Amodeo from the University of Naples Federico II and Ms. Camilla Esposito, Sinapsis Center of the University of Naples Federico II.

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